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Amendments to the Specification

In the specification, please amend the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED

APPLICATIONS section on pages 1 and 2 as follows:

This application claims ~~priority to~~ <u>the benefit of</u> the following provisional

applications:

U.S. ~~Patent~~ <u>Provisional Application</u> Serial No. 60/182,470, entitled "Intelligent

Silence Suppression," filed February 15, 2000, by Gummalla et al., ~~(still pending)~~

(incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).

U.S. ~~Patent~~ <u>Provisional Application</u> Serial No. 60/247,188 ~~(Attorney Docket No.~~

~~CPH 40892 (BP 1560)~~, entitled "A Local Scheduling Mechanism for Cable Modems,"

filed November 9, 2000, by Sala et al., ~~(still pending)~~ (incorporated by reference in its

entirety herein).

U.S. ~~Patent~~ <u>Provisional Application</u> Serial No. 60/254,415 ~~(Attorney Docket No.~~

~~CPH 40892 (BP 1560.1)~~, entitled "A Local Scheduling Mechanism for Cable Modems,"

filed December 8, 2000, by Sala et al., ~~(still pending)~~ (incorporated by reference in its

entirety herein).

U.S. ~~Patent~~ <u>Provisional Application</u> Serial No. 60/262,201 ~~(Attorney Docket No.~~

~~CPH 41359 (BP 1702)~~, entitled "Voice Scheduling Algorithms," filed January 17, 2001,

by Sala et al., ~~(still pending)~~ (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).

U.S. ~~Patent~~ Provisional Application Serial No. 60/262,203 ~~(Attorney Docket No.~~ ~~CPH 41362 (BP 1705)~~, entitled "Concatenation of Requests at CMTS," filed January 17, 2001, by Sala et al., ~~(still pending)~~ (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).

This application ~~claims priority to~~ is a continuation-in-part of ~~the following non-~~ ~~provisional application:~~ U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/427,792, entitled "System and Method for Multiplexing Data from Multiple Sources," filed October 27, 1999, by Limb et al., ~~(still pending)~~ now U.S. Patent No. 6,804,251 (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).

This application is related to the following non-provisional applications, all having the same filing date as the present application:

"Method, System and Computer Program Product for Scheduling Upstream Communications", U.S. Patent Serial No. ~~TBD~~ 09/783,404 ~~(Attorney Docket No.~~ ~~1875.0440002~~, by Gummalla et al. (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).

"~~System and Method to Support Constant Bit Rate Services in a Shared~~ ~~Communication System~~ Voice Architecture For Transmission Over A Shared, Contention Based Medium," U.S. Patent Serial No. ~~TBD~~ 09/785,020, ~~(Attorney Docket~~ ~~No. 40672/LTR/B600)~~ by Gummalla et al. (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).

"System and Method for Suppressing Silence in Voice Traffic over an Asynchronous Communication Medium," U.S. Patent Serial No. ~~TBD~~ 09/783,405, Atty. Dkt. No. 1875.0450001

(Attorney Docket No. 1875.0430001) by Gummalla et al., (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).

"Cable Modem System and Method for Specialized Data Transfer," U.S. Patent Serial No. ~~TBD~~ 09/783,403, (Attorney Docket No. 1875.0460001) by Bunn et al., (incorporated by reference in its entirety herein).